

REMARKS

New claims 30-38 are pending upon entry of this amendment. Claims 11-29 are canceled without prejudice to Applicant's right to seek protection for subject matter thereof.

Newly submitted independent claim 30 recites the steps of:

determining the presence of dimpled skin of the person; and contacting the skin with a composition comprising:

at least about 2 weight percent of at least one of:

(a) at least one conjugated linoleic acid as a free acid or a combination of conjugated linoleic acids, each of the conjugated linoleic acids of the combination being a free acid, (b) at least one salt of at least one conjugated linoleic acid, the salt comprising at least one an alkaline metal, an alkaline earth, ammonia, monoethanolamine, diethanolamine, and triethanolamine, and (c) a combination of (a) and (b).

Applicants respectfully submit that the cited art, whether considered individually or in combination, does not disclose or suggest the entirety of the invention as set forth in independent claim 30. Thus, the claims as presented herein are submitted to be in condition for allowance.

Other than the fee for extension of time authorized on the accompanying fee sheet, no fee is believed due for this submission. Should any fees be required, however, please charge such fees to Pennie & Edmonds LLP Deposit Account No. 16-1150.

If the Examiner wishes to discuss this case, then Applicants respectfully request a personal or telephonic interview to discuss any remaining issues and expedite the allowance of the application.

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